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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, SP

SUBJ: TENTATIVE PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING FRANCO'S  
DEATH

REFERENCE: MADRID 7477 (EXDIS)

1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PAN DE SORALUCE HAS GIVEN ME CONFIDENTIALLY  
WHAT HE SAYS WILL BE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AFTER FRANCO'S  
DEATH.

2. THE SWEARING-IN OF JUAN CARLOS AS KING WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
THE THIRD DAY AFTER FRANCO'S DEATH AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CORTES  
BUILDING BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF THE CORTES AND THE COUNCIL  
OF THE REALM. (DURING INTERIM PERIOD, COUNCIL OF REGENCY WILL  
ASSUME HEADSHIP OF STATE.) FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WILL BE WEL-  
COME, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD CONSIST  
IN TOTAL OF ONLY TWO OR THREE PERSONS. BECAUSE OF SEVERE  
SPACE LIMITATIONS IN CORTES BUILDING, ONLY THE CHIEFS OF FOREIGN  
DELEGATIONS, AND POSSIBLY THE LOCAL AMBASSADORS, WOULD BE IN-  
VITED TO ATTEND SWEARING-IN. DRESS WOULD BE FULL EVENING DRESS  
INCLUDING WHITE TIE, WHITE VEST AND WHITE GLOVES, OR FULL  
UNIFORM.

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3. ON THE DAY AFTER THE SWEARING-IN, THE STATE FUNERAL FOR

FRANCO WOULD BE HELD IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WOULD PARTICIPATE. THE DRESS FOR THIS WOULD BE FULL EVENING DRESS, BUT WITH BLACK VEST AND BLACK GLOVES, OR FULL UNIFORM.

4. AMBASSADOR PAN DE SORALUCE SAID FOREIGN OFFICE IS NOW WORKING ON TWO NOTES AND A MEMORANDUM WHICH WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF FRANCO'S DEATH, SETTING FORTH DETAILS ON VARIOUS CEREMONIES.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ABOVE REMAINS TENTATIVE UNTIL WE RECEIVE FORMAL COMMUNICATION, IT LOOKS AS IF THIS IS THE WAY EVENTS WILL UNFOLD. FOR WHATEVER REASON, PRINCE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND FROM THE THINKING SET FORTH IN REF (A).# I AM TOLD ABOVE SCENARIO WAS WORKED OUT BY PRINCE AND MINISTERS AT THE PARDO LAST NIGHT.  
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